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MEDIA NOTE: The updated March calendar of events is provided at the end of this news release.

Health In Motion brings mobile health services to residents

The Sarasota County Health Department's 40 foot mobile medical unit, Health In Motion's will visit 15 locations throughout north Sarasota, Laurel, Nokomis, Venice, Englewood and North Port during March. In some instances services are provided inside the facilities of the locations selected. Health In Motion will also be part of several special events during March. These include the North Port Chamber of Commerce's Community Expo on Saturday, March 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at North Port High School 6400 West Price Boulevard in North Port, and at the Englewood Chamber of Commerce Expo on Saturday, March 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Tringali Recreation Center, 3460 McCall Road in Englewood.

Health In Motion staff provide basic health services to adult residents with Medicaid, without health insurance or who do not have transportation," said the program's coordinator Tim Thompson, RN. The services offered include blood pressure, and diabetes education and screening, HIV testing, pregnancy testing, tuberculosis skin testing, adult immunizations, health education, and eligibility screening as part of assisting adults in locating a permanent health care provider. Senior Friendship Center volunteer physicians provide basic medical care when the mobile unit visits the Salvation Army. No appointment is needed. A registered nurse is available at all other Health In Motion locations.

Some services are free including the Rapid OraQuick HIV testing method which provides preliminary HIV test results in 20 minutes. Other services will be offered on a sliding fee scale based on income. Community AIDS Network (CAN) and Coastal Behavioral Healthcare also provide specialized services.

Health In Motion is supported in part by a two-year grant from the Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice which funds the staffing and medical equipment needs. The Gulf Coast Diabetes Foundation has also contributed funding to increase diabetes education to those served through the mobile medical unit.

Those who would like a schedule of dates, routes and services can call the Sarasota

County Call Center at 941-861-5000. To submit a request for Health In Motion to be part

of a major community event or to download a copy of the monthly calendar, visit the Sarasota County Health and Human Services website, www.sarasotahealth.org.

March Schedule of Events (Health In Motion)

North Sarasota

Monday, March 2, 16 and 30; 9:30 a.m. to noon
Selby Goodwill Jobs Center
1781 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Sarasota 34234

Monday, March 2, 16 and 30; 1 - 3 p.m.
Newtown Estates Park
2800 Newtown Blvd., Sarasota 34234

Thursday, March 5, and 12; 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Thursday, March 19 and 26; 9:30 a.m. to noon
Salvation Army
1400 Tenth St., Sarasota 34236

Monday, March 23; 9:30 a.m. to noon
Orange Ave. Housing Authority Property
1912 N. Orange Ave., Sarasota 34234

Monday, March 9 and 23; 1 - 3 p.m.
La Canasta Market
2268 Fruitville Road, Sarasota 34237

Monday, March 9; 9:30 a.m. to Noon
McCown Center – Sarasota Housing Authority
1300 Boulevard of the Art, Sarasota 34236

Nokomis

Wednesday, March 18; 9:30 a.m. to noon
The Community Pharmacy of Sarasota County
225 Tamiami Trail South Nokomis 34275

Laurel

Wednesday, March 18; 1 - 5 p.m.
Laurel USDA Food Distribution
Sandra Sims Terry Community Center
509 Collins Road, Laurel 34272

Venice

Tuesday, March 10 and 24; 9:30 a.m. to noon
Goodwill Center – The Rialto
650 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice 34285

Tuesday, March 10 and 24; 1 - 3 p.m.
Habitat for Humanity Retail Store
1400 Ogden Road, Venice 34285

Englewood

Tuesday, March 3, 17 and 31; 9:30 a.m. to noon
Englewood Goodwill Center
410 Indiana Ave, Sarasota 34223

Tuesday, March 3, 17 and 31; 1 - 3 p.m.
Englewood Helping Hands
700 E. Dearborn St., Englewood 34223

Saturday, March 20; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Englewood Chamber of Commerce Community Expo
Tringali Park Recreation Center
3460 N. Access (McCall) Road, Englewood 34224

North Port

Friday, March 6; 9 a.m. to noon
USDA Food Distribution
St Nathaniel's Episcopal Church
4200 S. Biscayne Drive, North Port 34287

Saturday, March 7; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
North Port Chamber of Commerce Community Expo
North Port High School
6400 West Price Boulevard, North Port 34291

Wednesday, March 4 and 25; 9:30 a.m. to noon
Wednesday, March 11; 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Wal-Mart Super Center
17000 Tamiami Trail, North Port 34287

Wednesday, March 4 and 25; 1 - 3 p.m.
Riley Chase Apts.
1015 Panacea Blvd., North Port 34289